

**The Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Minutes of June 17, 2008 Meeting**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vicki Lewis Adams, Chair at 12:12 p.m.

2. Minutes of the May 20, 2008 Meeting -

Minutes of the May 20, 2008 were approved with corrections.

3. Public Comments/Announcements

- Gina Chadwick submitted her resignation from the co-chair position and from the DV Council, she has a new position
- California Regional Conference: A World Beyond Violence at the University of California, Berkeley – Jerilyn Stapleton
- Seraphim Manor Transitional Housing, First Annual fund raising Banquet, October 25, 2008 at the Pasadena Hilton – Sandra Schooley
- WomenShelter will start the 40 hour domestic violence training on July 18 – TuLynn Smiley

4. Executive Report – Vicki L. Adams,

Reported that the Executive Board met on June 12 and reviewed the changes to the Bylaws that have been recommended by county council, after the review and changes are completed they will be submitted to County Counsel again for approval. The Betty Fisher Award criteria has been reviewed by a subcommittee and the Executive Board reviewed the recommended changes.

5. Committee Reports:

Shelter Directors – Judy Gordon – Announced that Carol Crabson, Executive Director of antelope Valley Domestic Violence/Oasis has accepted the co-chair position. The YWCA of Glendale has been reserved for the Shelter director's retreat in August. The CalWorks notification regarding funding should be sent out in the next two weeks. Asked the community to get involved in sending letters to Sacramento to stop budget cuts of DV programs throughout the state of California.

Legislative Issues – Co-Chair Kimberly Wong reported that Denice Labertew and Kimberly put together a bill chart with current changes of Domestic Violence bills.

- *Discussion of AB1771* – Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, would allow individuals to find out criminal background information of their potential partner or spouse; will create a state-wide database of domestic violence offenders. The Domestic Violence Prevention and Right-to Know Act of 2008 would require the Attorney General to develop an online database that would report the name, date of birth, county and date of conviction for individuals convicted of felony domestic violence or multiple counts of misdemeanor domestic violence. The database would keep updated information available for 10 years. It is believed that this would be a first in

the nation's law and would go into effect on January 1, 2009. The bill is currently being reviewed.

- **AB2231 – Hayashi Bill** - Marriage License fees, some of which goes to Alameda & Solano Counties to increase DV court fees/penalties and additional \$2 per case to help victims and families with DV backgrounds (*services such as counseling, relocation, involvement of government agencies such as District Attorney's office and the Public Defender's offices*). L.A. County has been included in this bill.

Committee for Systems Improvement (CSI) – Co-Chair Eve Sheedy reported that Judge Juhas attended/participated meeting to listen in on discussion of retrieval of firearms/surrender fire arms laws, under restraining order provisions, filing a receipt, and problems with retrievals (civil & criminal).

Eve also spoke about communication with departments and the L.A. County Board of Supervisors on how to be sure DV community participates in RFP process and institutionalize the process.

LGBT Issues – Co-Chair; Terra Slavin reported that the committee is planning the LGBT Teen Dating Conference tentatively, September 25th. Committee has contacted several potential contributors for the event and might ask for a small fee from service providers if they don't receive enough funding from contributors. Next meeting will be held on 7/8/08 from 10am – 12noon at the McCadden Building in Hollywood.

Religion and Domestic Violence – Co-Chair Bernita Walker reported the committee is working on First Ladies and Minister's Wives Conference. They do not have a date for that event at this time.

Incarcerated DV Survivor Task Force Report - Kimberly Wong provided information about the Project Star project provides women with DV backgrounds and provides child care, counseling, education and drug/alcohol treatment instead of completing a prison term/sentence which will initially assist them to seek employment and stay off of drugs once they finish their sentences.

Health Issues - Olivia – no report

Immigration Task Force - No report

6. Guest Speakers: Vicki L. Adams introduced Pam Booth, Director, Bureau-Branch Area Operations Region II, Family Violence Division office of the District Attorney's; provide an in-depth information regarding the "Review of Prosecution People v. Curtis Bernard Harris Case Findings & Recommendations. Monica Thomas-Harris' parents were in attendance.

*Review of case from beginning to end

*Discussion of what occurred and what shouldn't have occurred

*Result of case

*Parent's reactions/comments of what transpired due to holes in the case

7. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.